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1. The Bulgarian Government is anxious to extend and modernize the Danube ports of Lom, Somovit, Nikopol, and Ruse. Unlike Orehovo, which is a strategic port controlled by the Soviet military authorities, all the above ports are commercial in character.
2. These ports are in bad condition and lack equipment. At Ruse, which is one of the largest of these ports and handles around 300,000 tons of goods a year, three dredgers (two Bulgarian and one Hungarian) are at work dredging 90,000 cubic meters of silt.
3. In addition to the provision of new equipment, 85 percent of the existing plant at Ruse is to be modernized and three large warehouses covering an area of 7,000 square meters are to be completed by the end of 1950.

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4. [redacted] the average norm of work at Ruse was 11.3 tons per shift per docker compared with 14.9 tons in Soviet ports with the same facilities as Ruse and 17.1 tons at mechanized ports like Odessa. [redacted] two-thirds of the port of Ruse would be mechanized by the end of 1950, when a large refrigerating plant would also be installed. 50X1-HUM
5. The port of Lom is to be equipped with a floating dock. This floating dock has been ordered from the Skoda works.
6. The Ganz works of Budapest are to provide Bulgaria with a 2,000 ton dredger.
7. Yards for the construction of fishing boats are to be built at Samovit.

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